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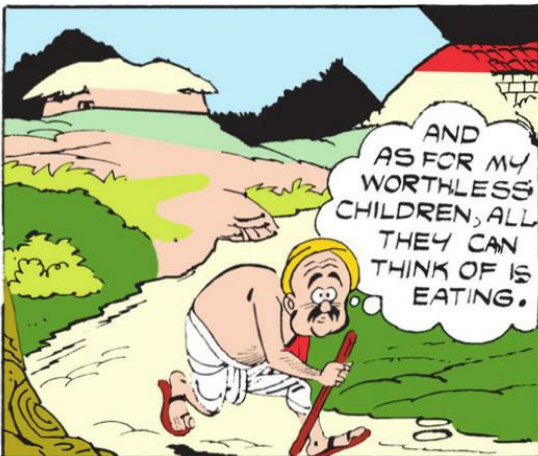
ILISA, THE GILDMASTER, HAD MORE MONEY THAN HE COULD EVER SPEND, BUT HE WAS TIGHT-FISTED.

I HOPE MY WIFE HAS NOT BOUGHT ANYTHING FOR HERSELF IN MY ABSENCE. SHE IS SO EXTRAVAGANT.

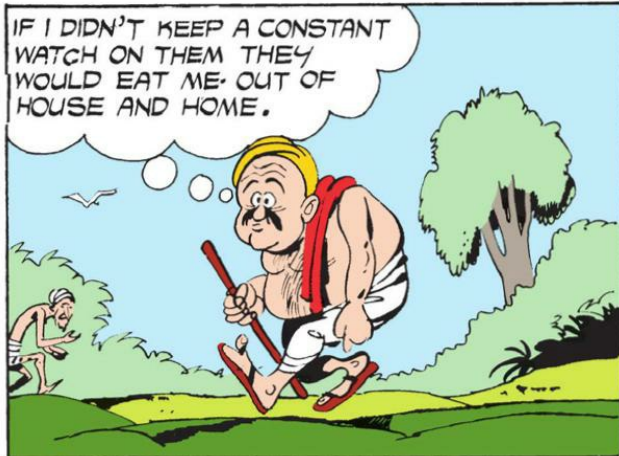
I'VE STAYED OUT LONGER THAN I SHOULD.



AND AS FOR MY WORTHLESS CHILDREN, ALL THEY CAN THINK OF IS EATING.

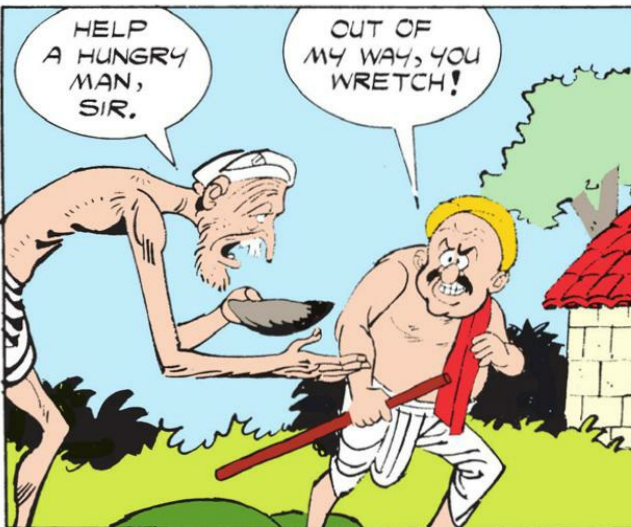


IF I DIDN'T KEEP A CONSTANT WATCH ON THEM THEY WOULD EAT ME OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME.

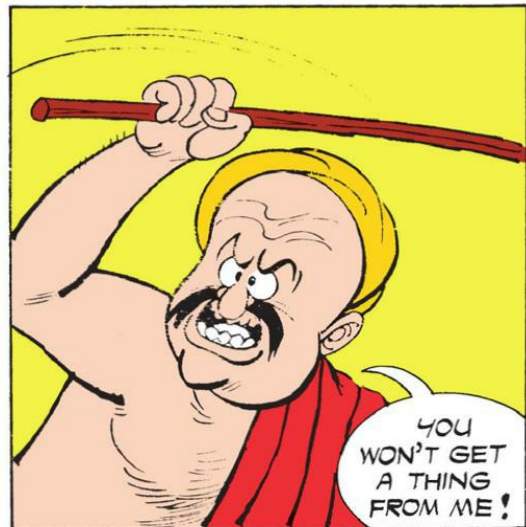


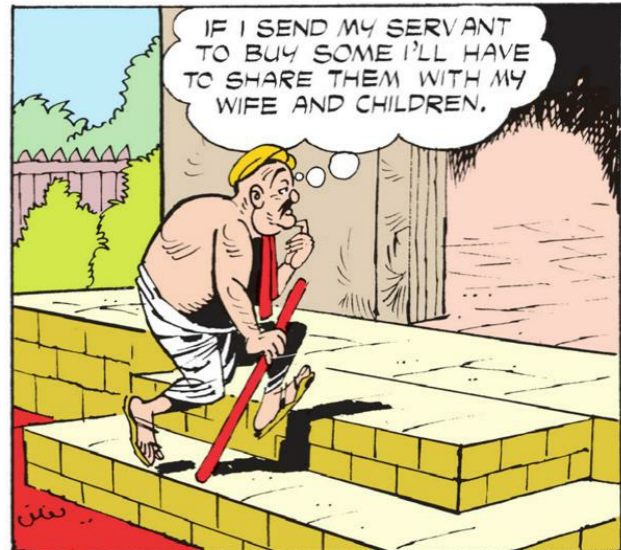
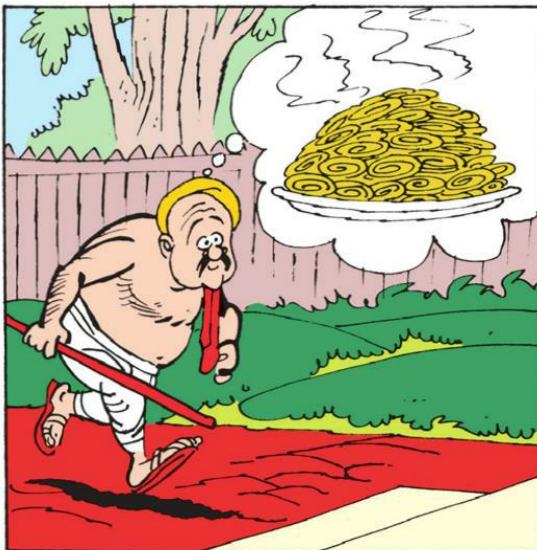
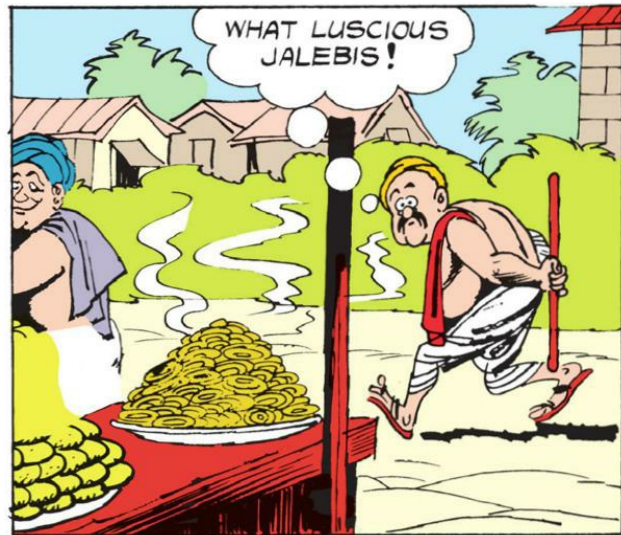
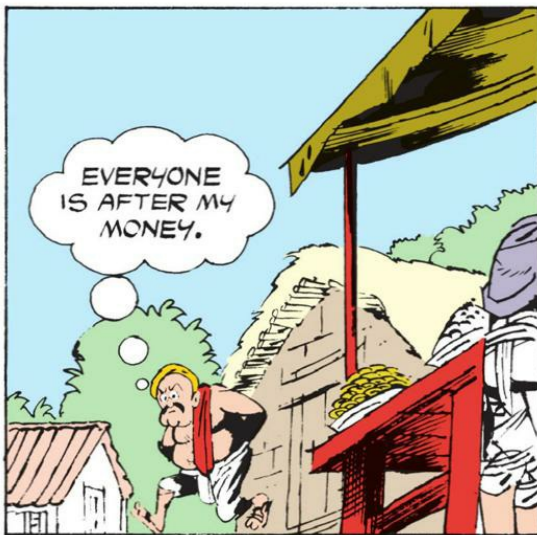
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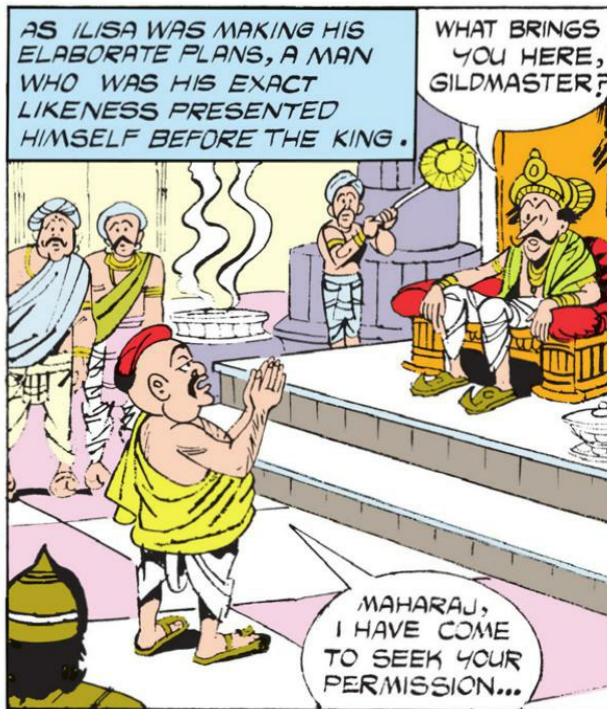
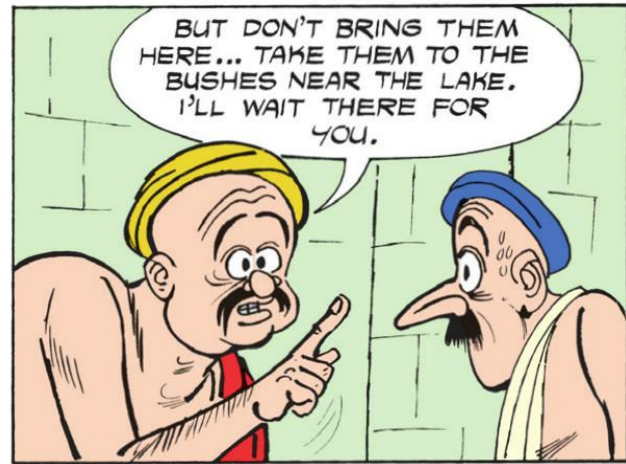
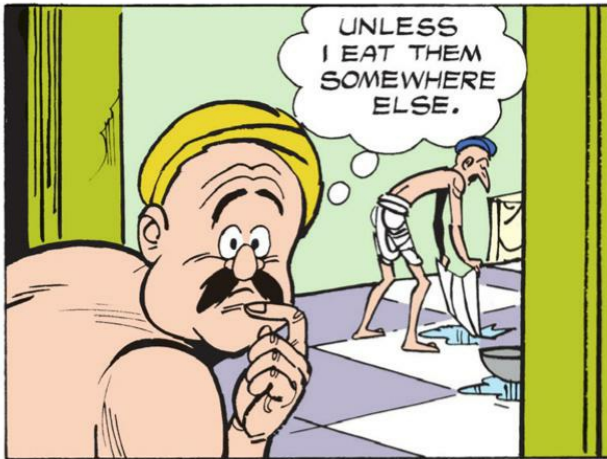
OUT OF MY WAY, YOU WRETCH!

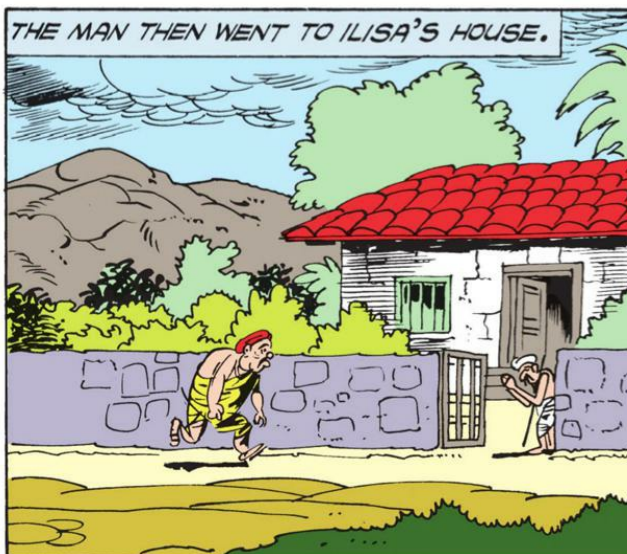
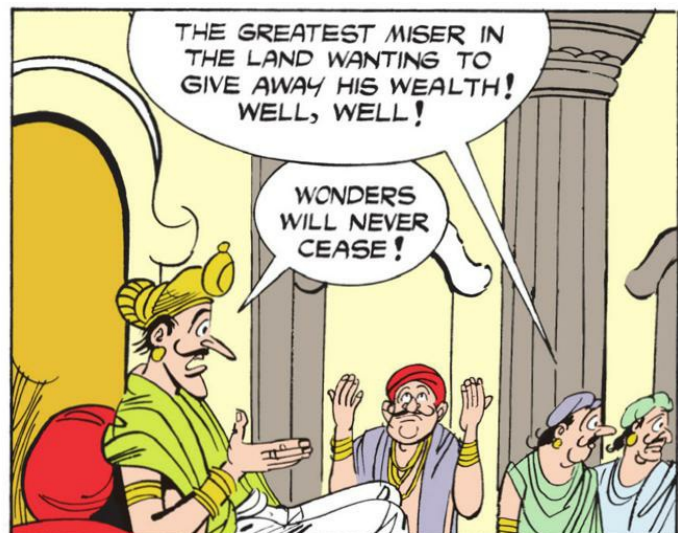
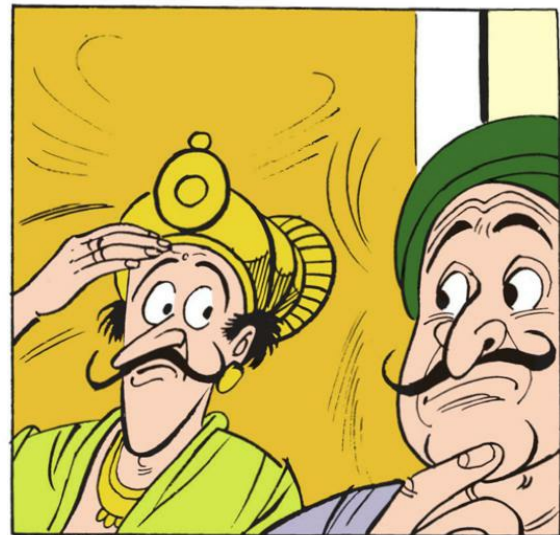
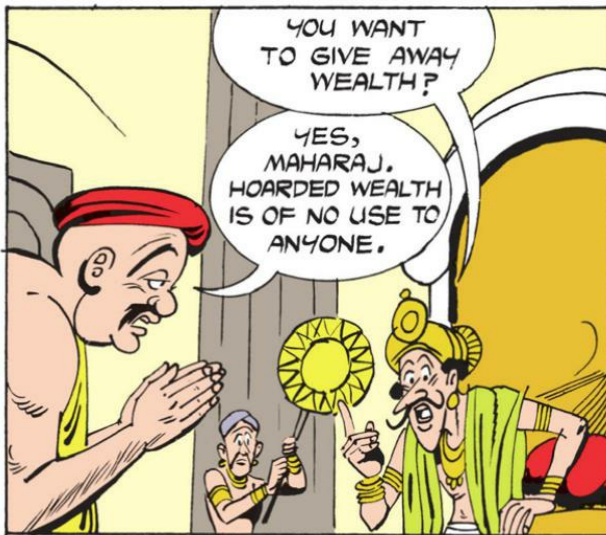


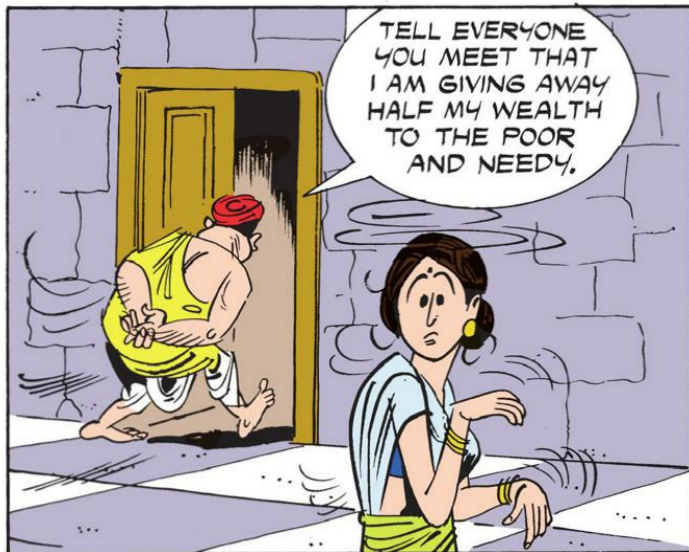
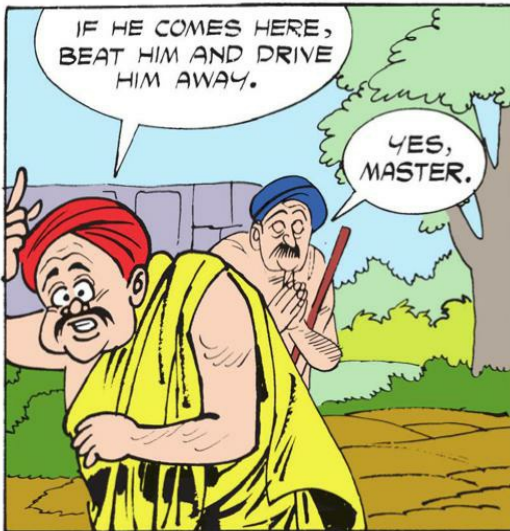
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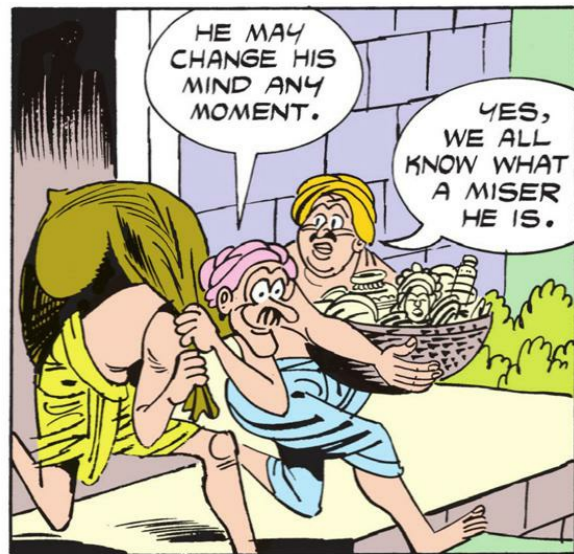
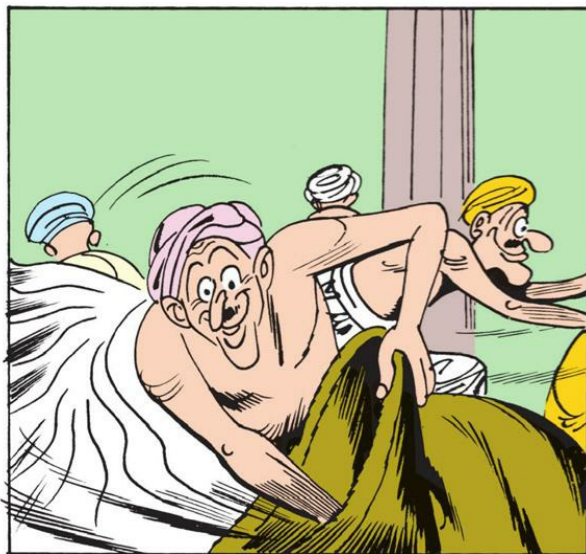
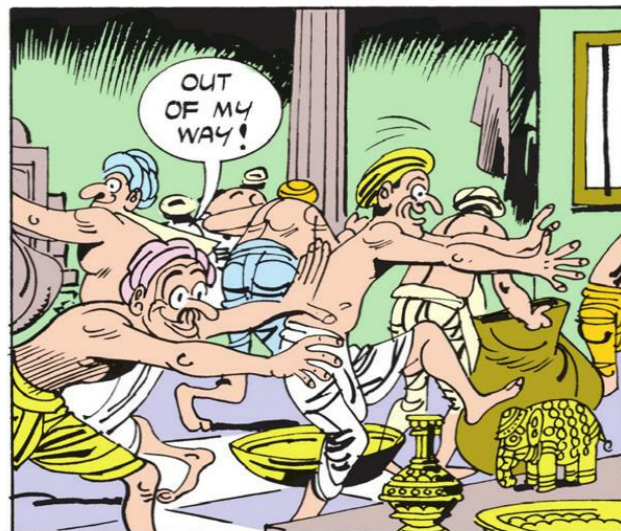
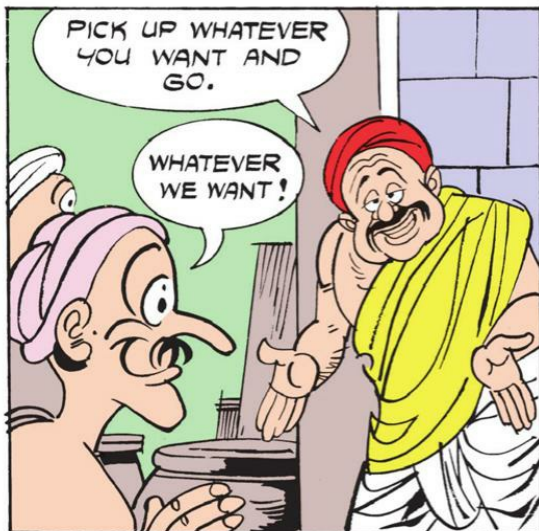




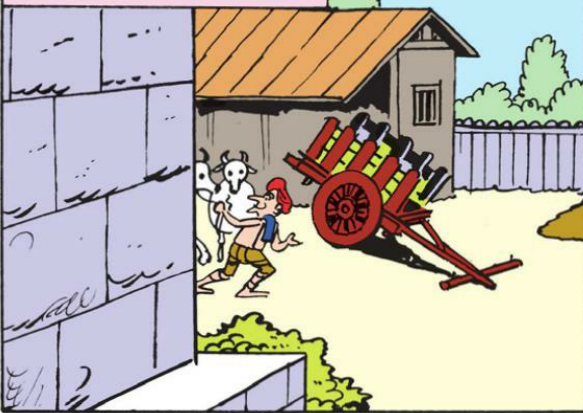




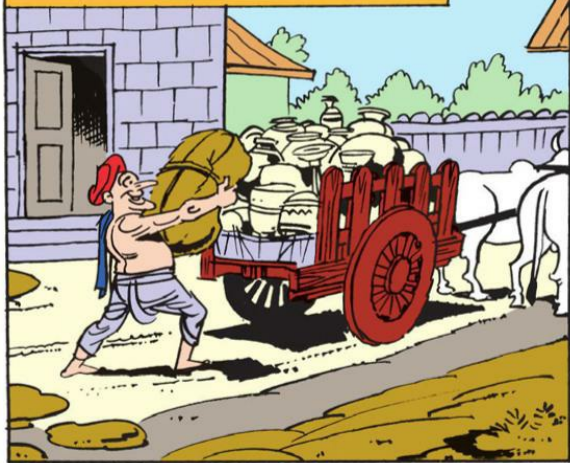




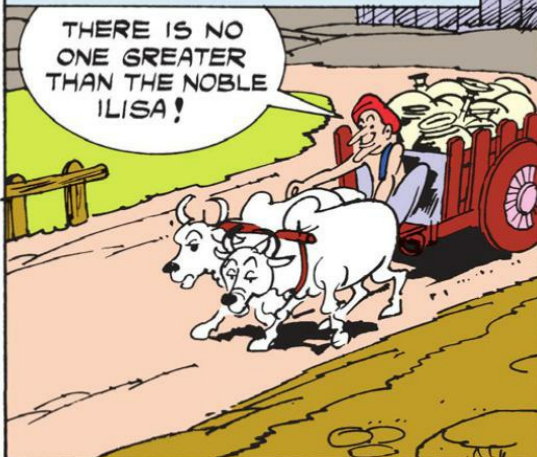
ONE MAN WORKED MORE METHODICALLY THAN THE OTHERS. INSTEAD OF RUSHING INTO THE HOUSE, HE CHOSE A BULLOCK-CART FOR HIMSELF...



...LOADED IT WITH VALUABLES FROM THE STOREROOM...



...AND DROVE AWAY SINGING THE PRAISES OF HIS BENEFACTOR.



THERE IS NO ONE GREATER THAN THE NOBLE ILISA!

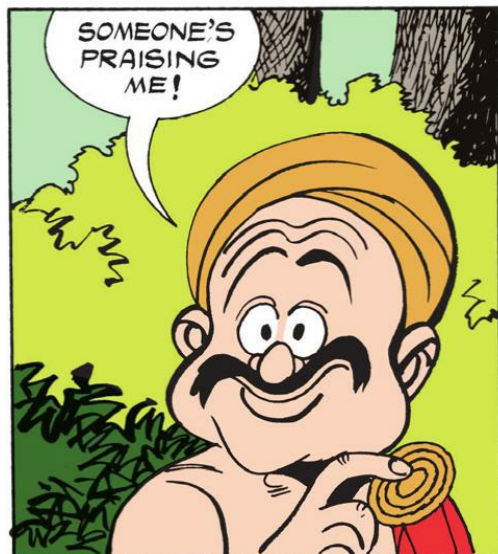


I'VE GOT A FINE PAIR OF BULLOCKS, AND A CARTLOAD OF TREASURE.

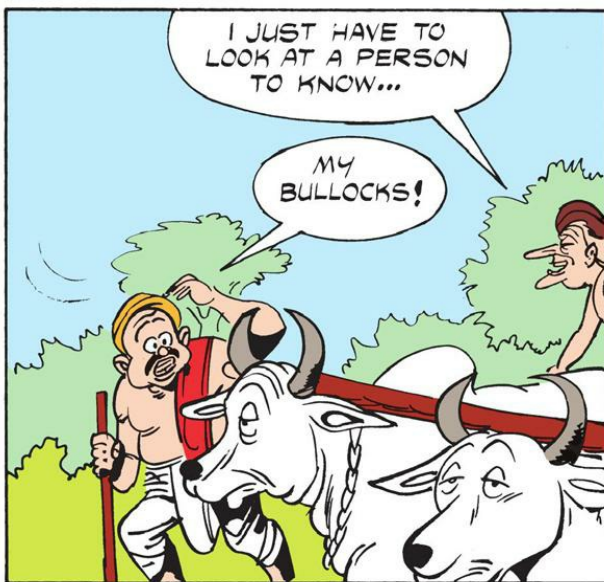
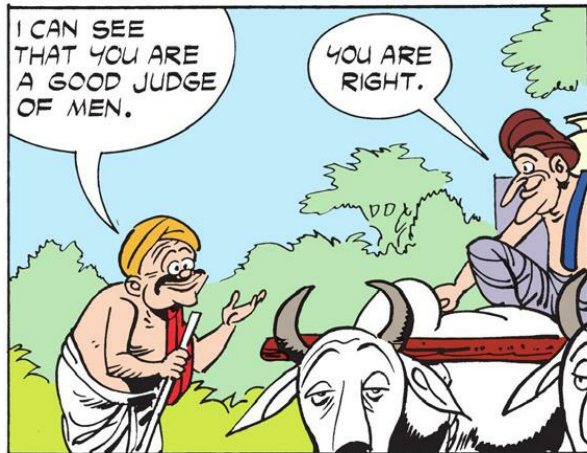
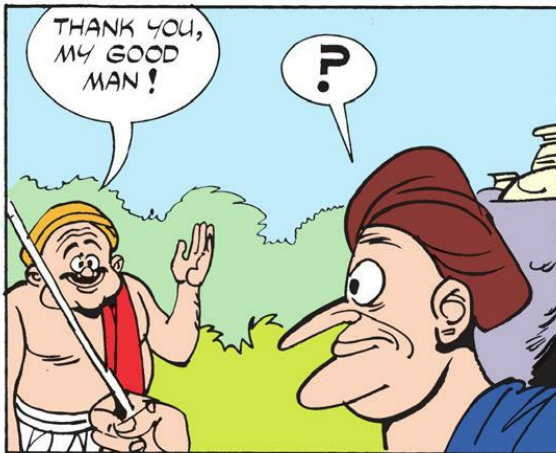
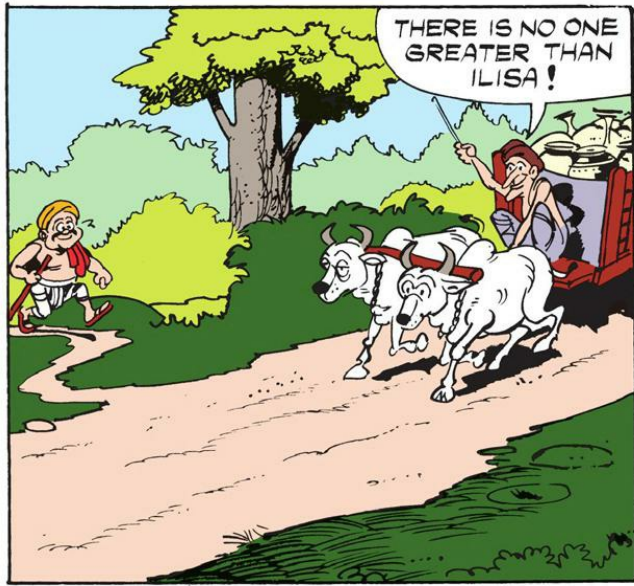
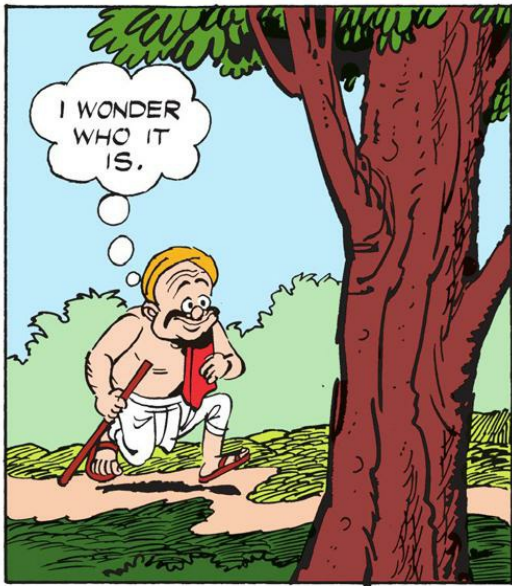


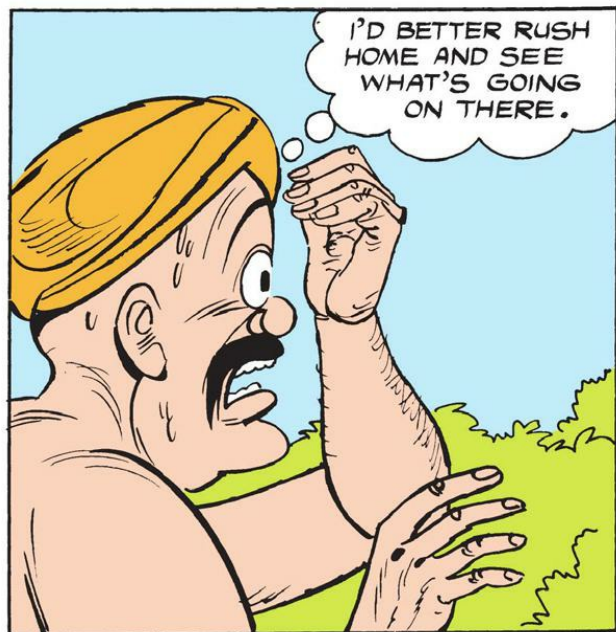
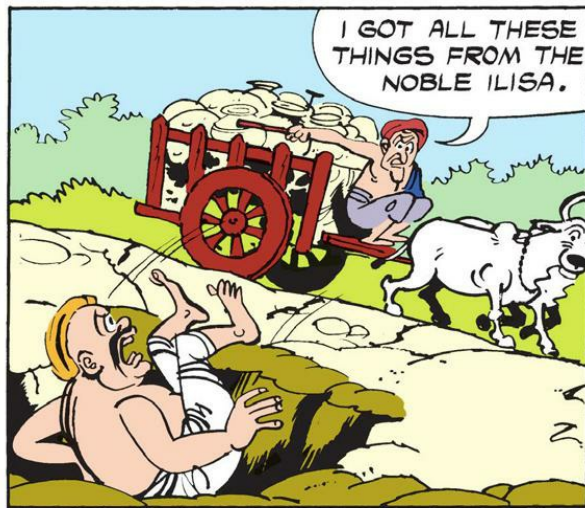
MAY ILISA LIVE A THOUSAND YEARS!

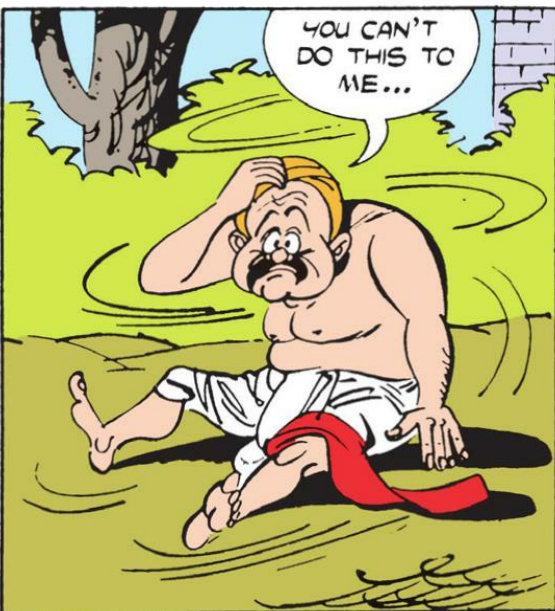
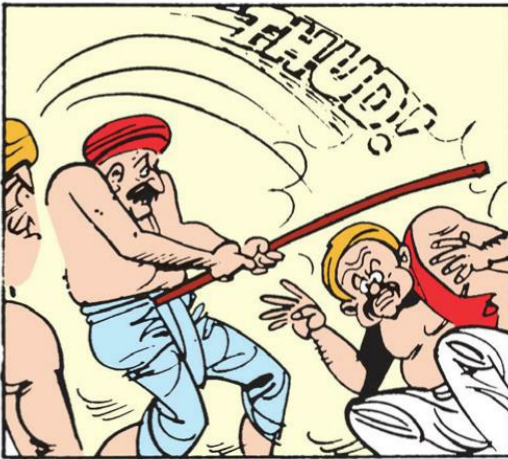
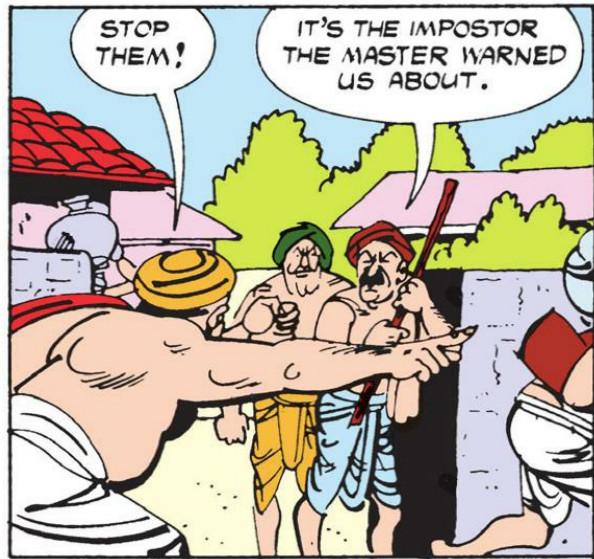
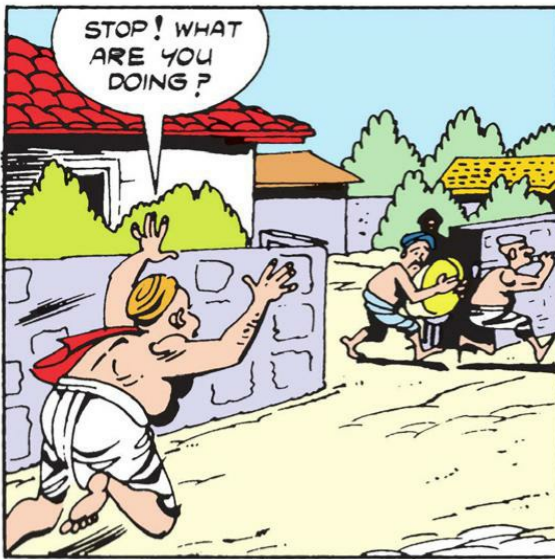
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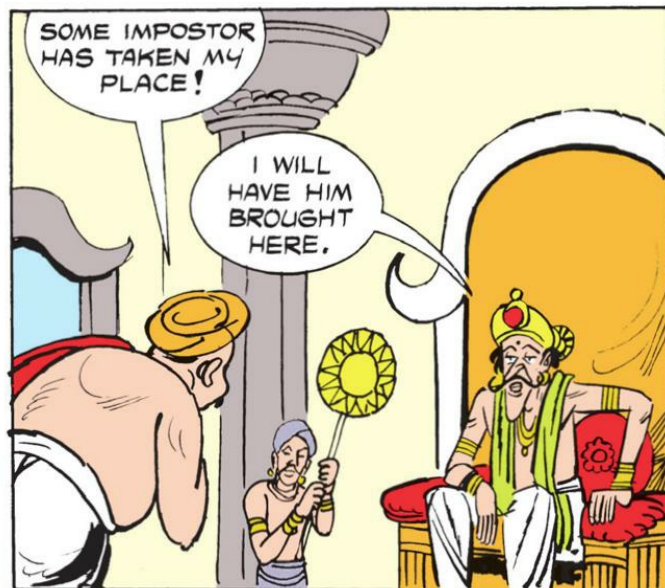
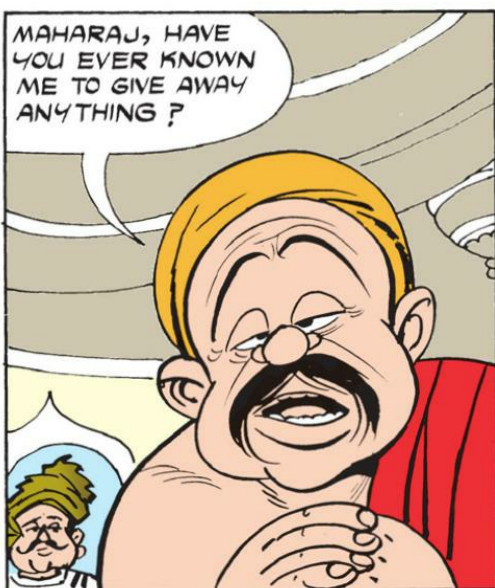
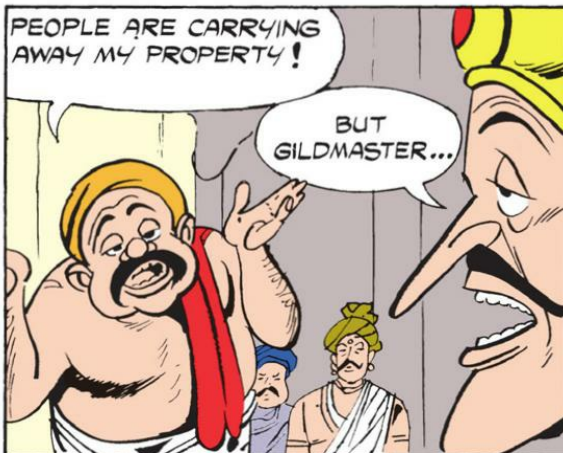
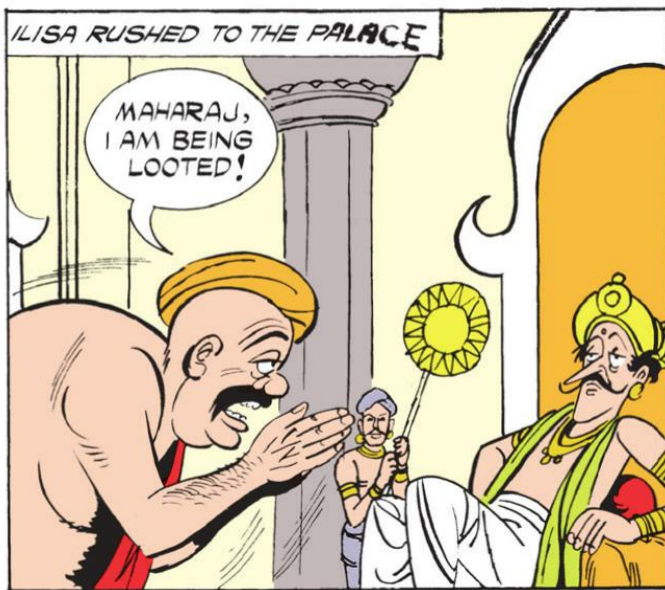


SOMEONE'S PRAISING ME!

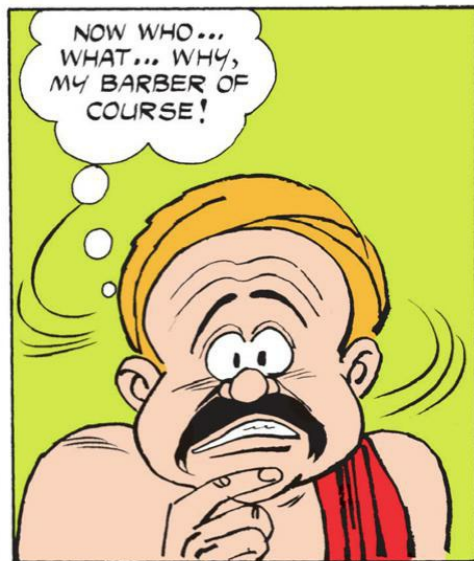
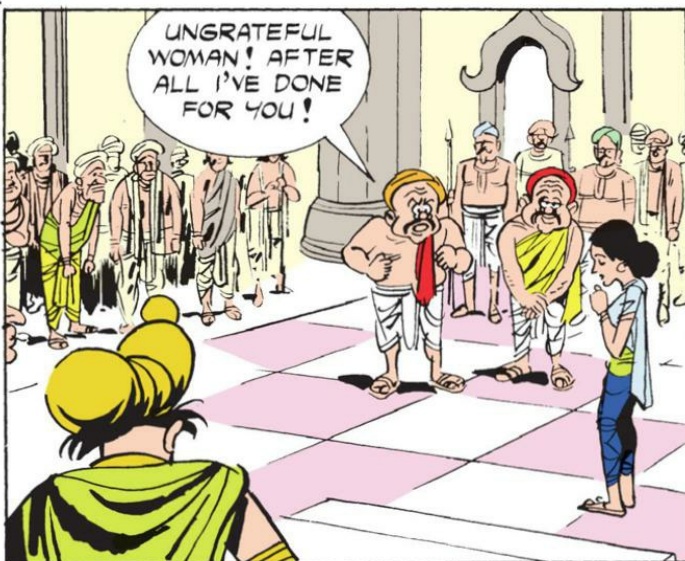
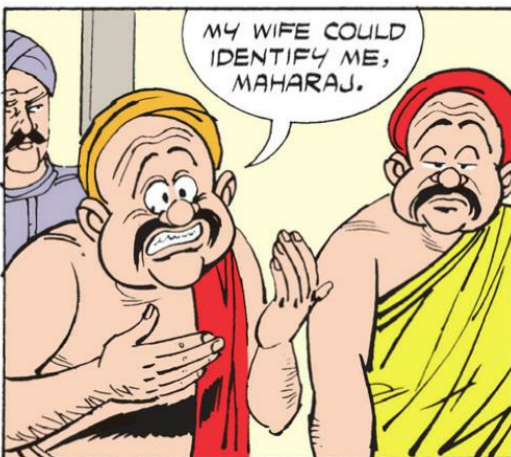
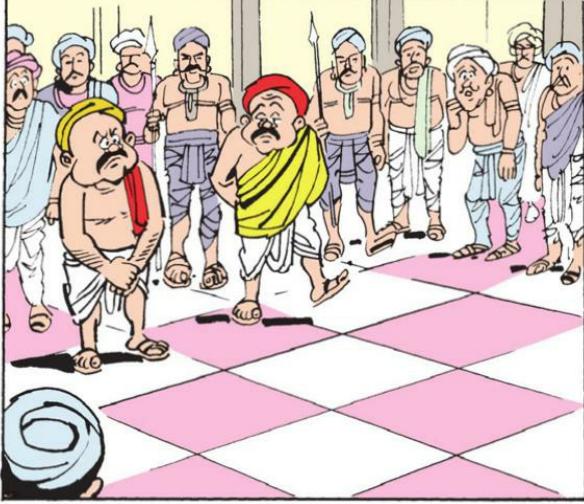


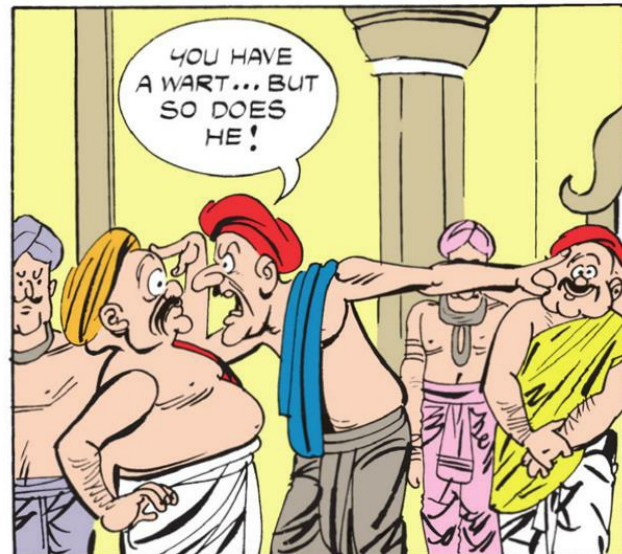
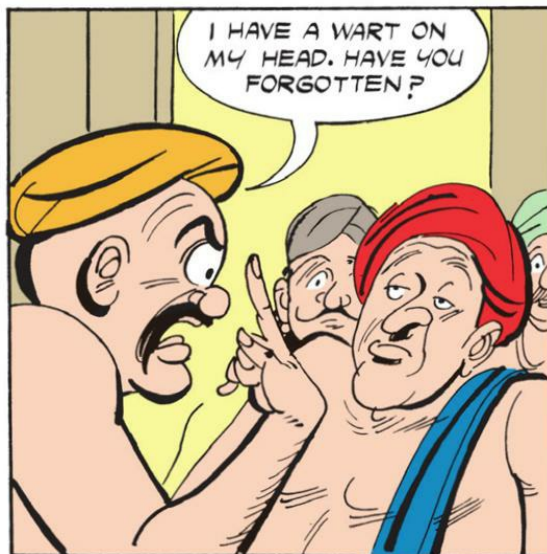
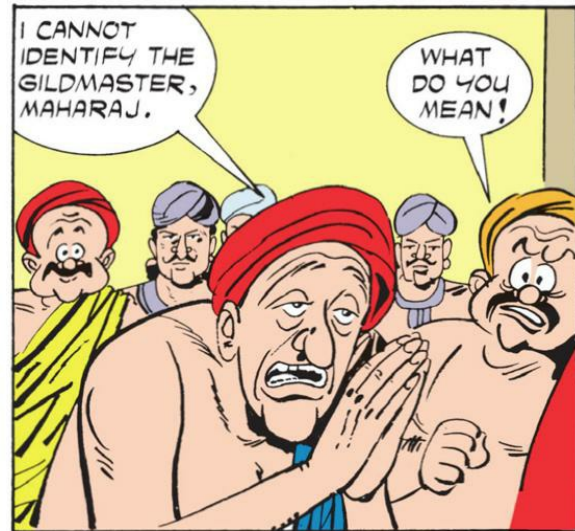
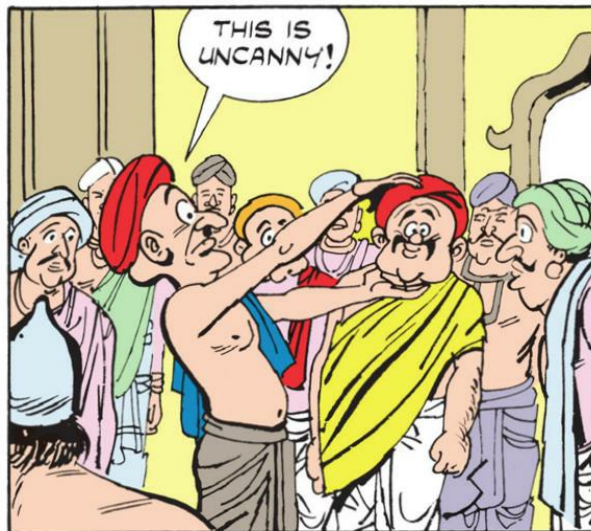
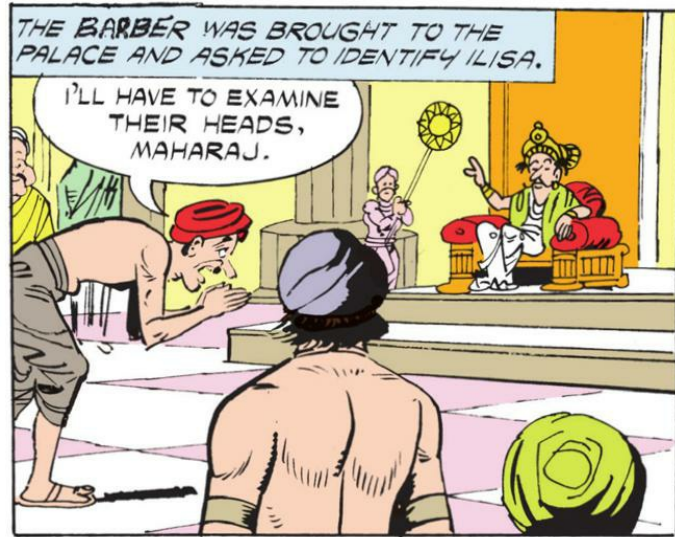
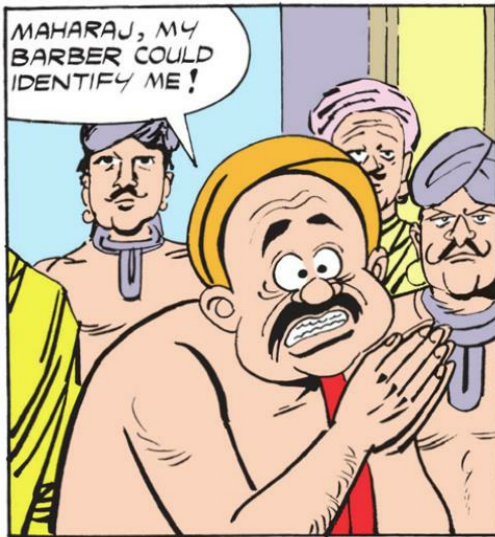


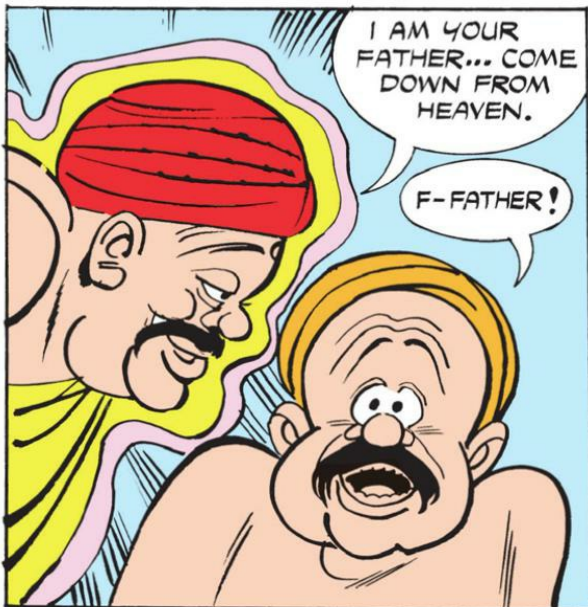
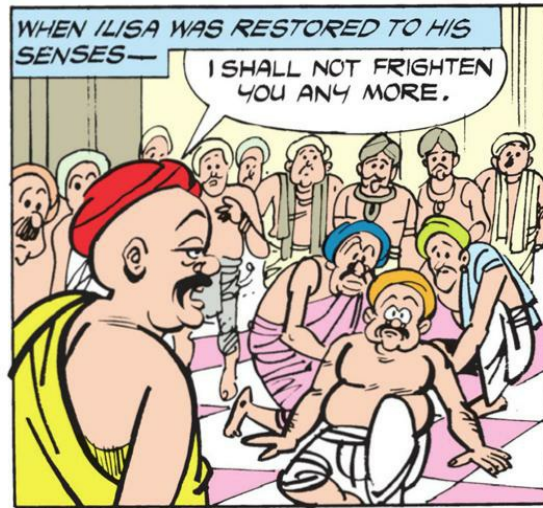
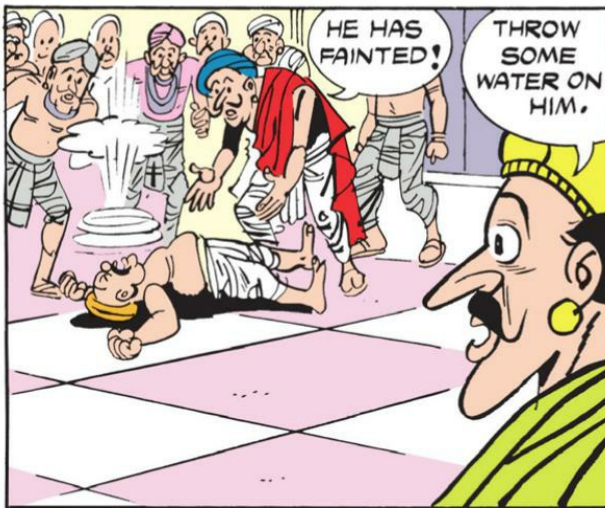
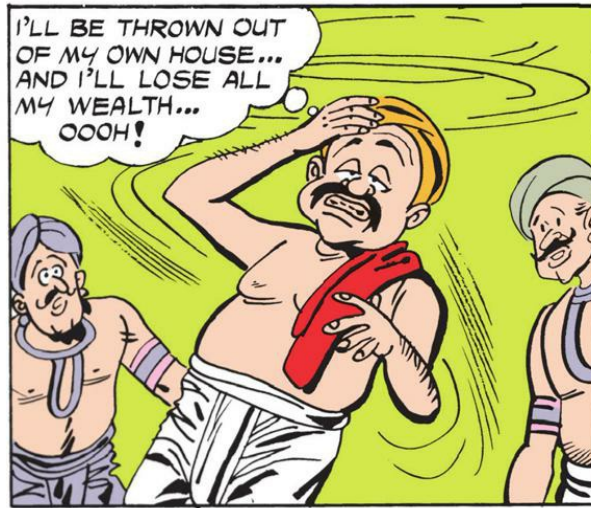
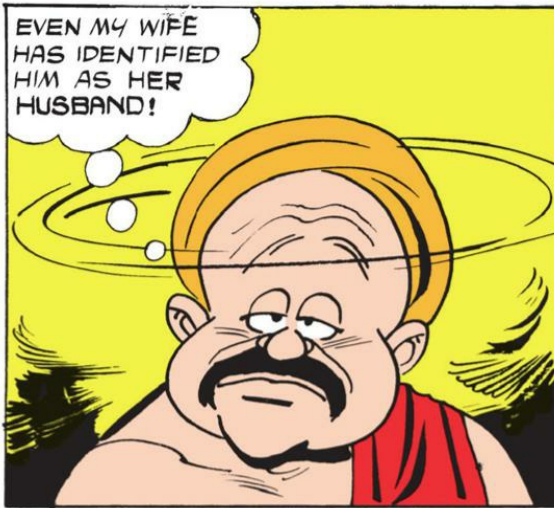


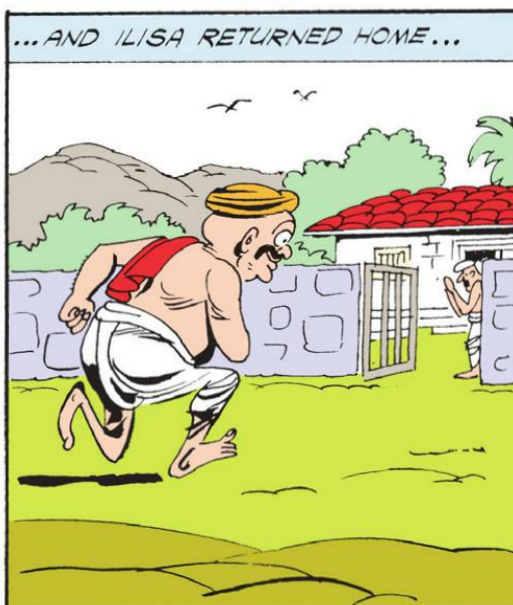
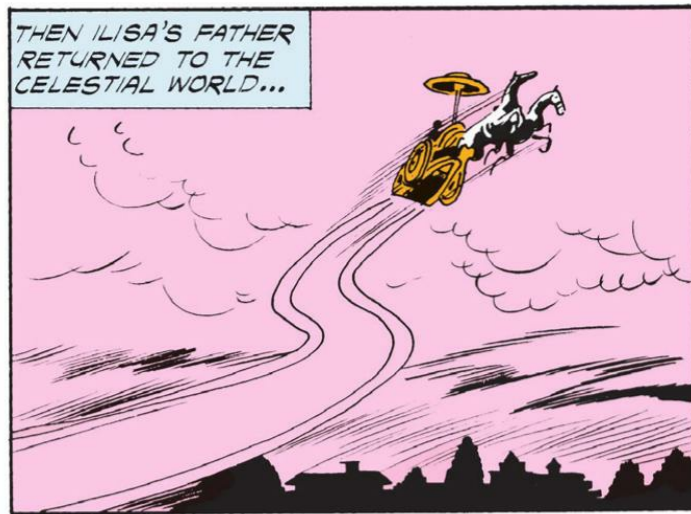
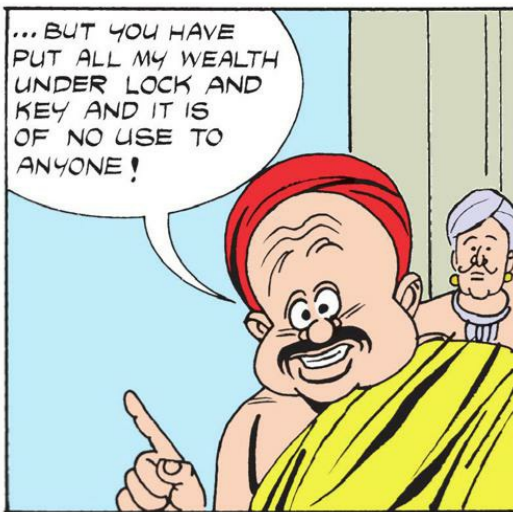


WHEN THE IMPERSONATOR WAS BROUGHT TO THE PALACE, THE KING AND HIS COURTIERS FOUND THEMSELVES GAZING AT TWO MEN WHO LOOKED IDENTICAL IN ALL RESPECTS.



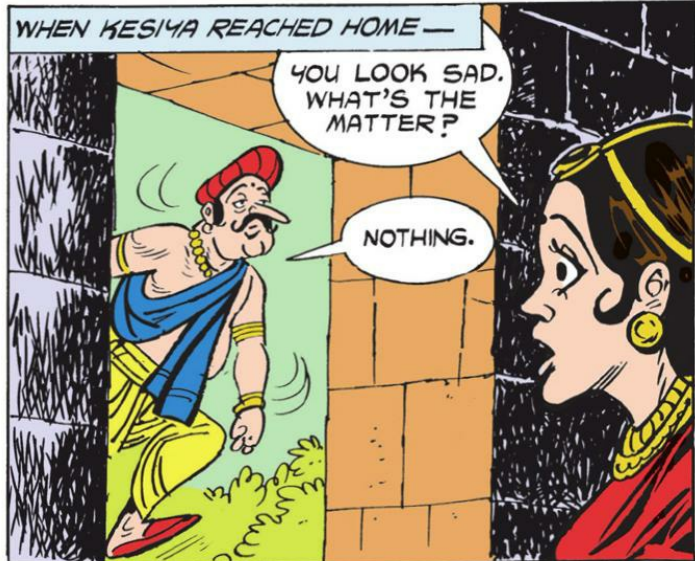
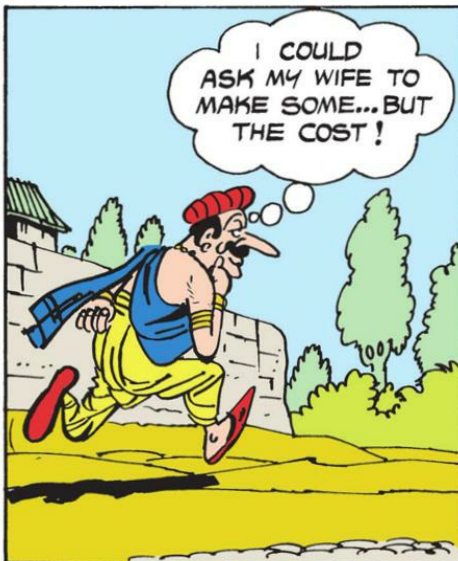
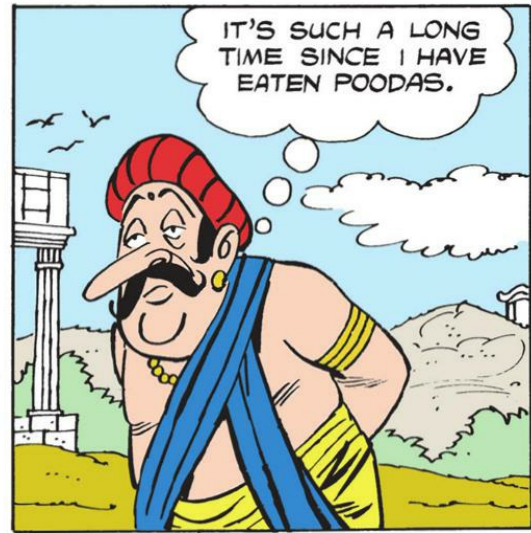
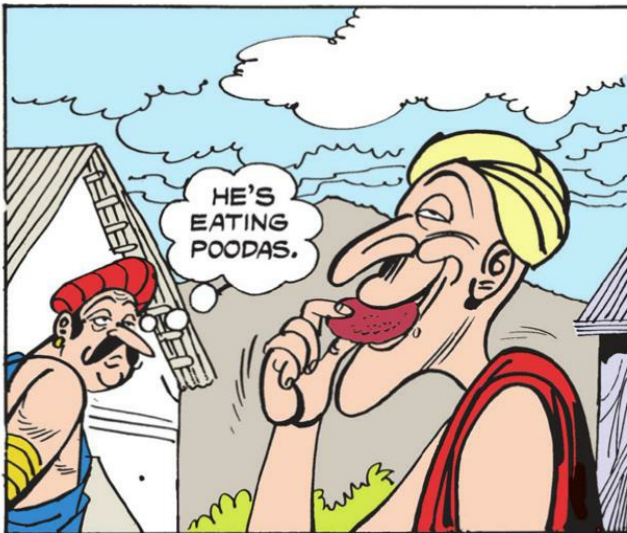
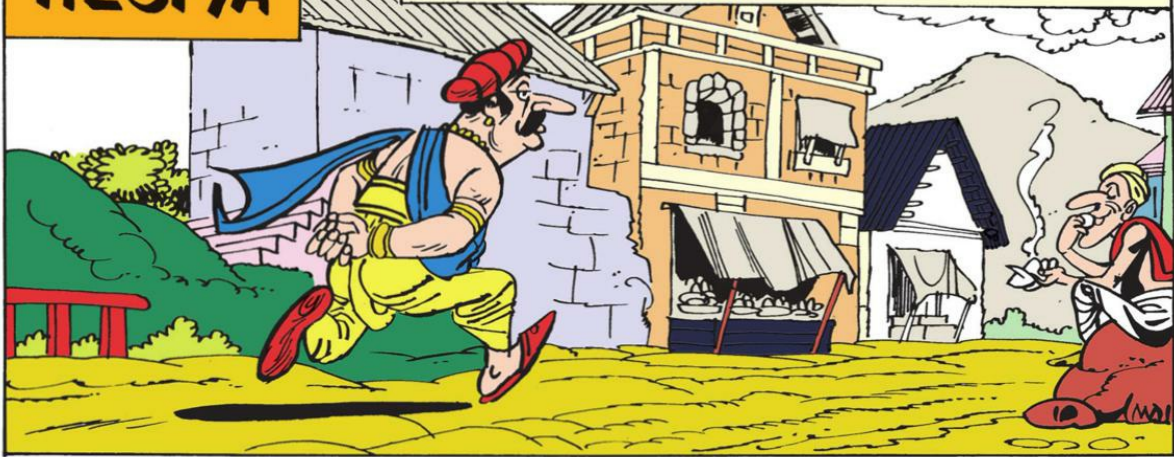


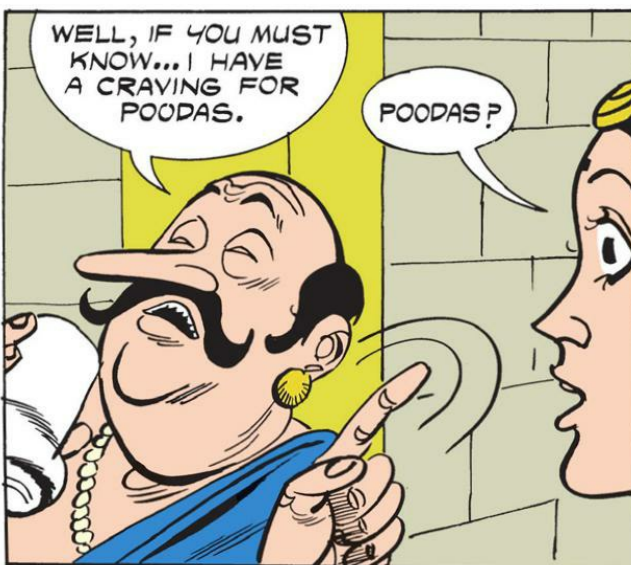
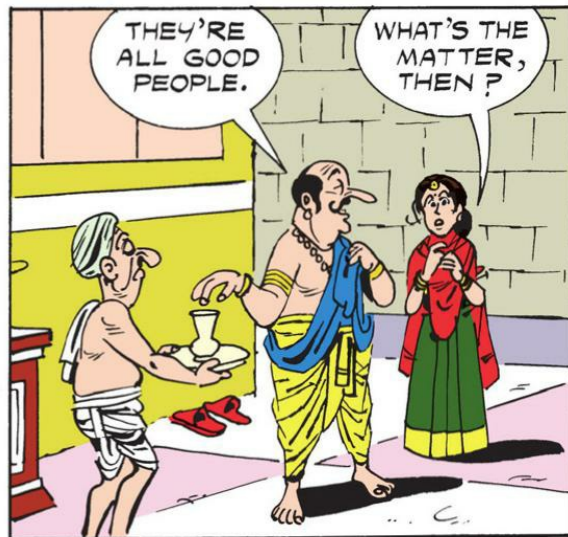


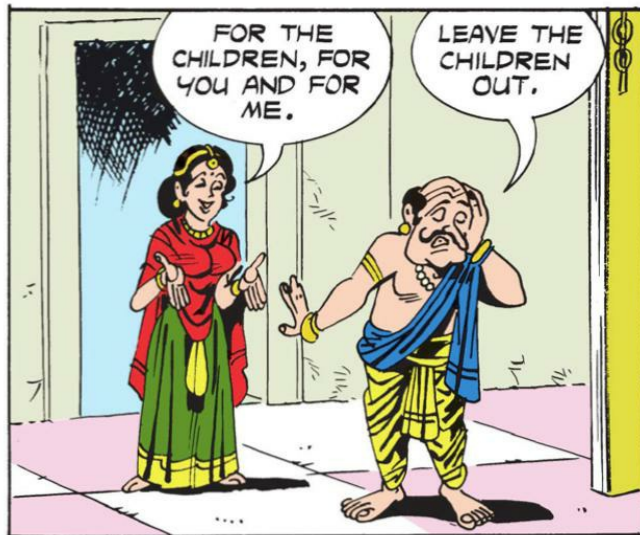
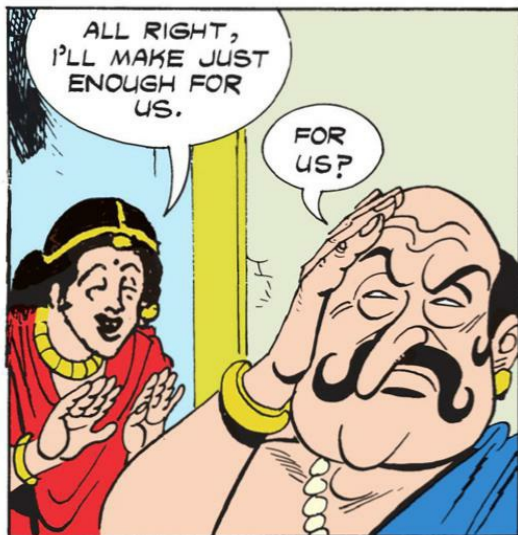
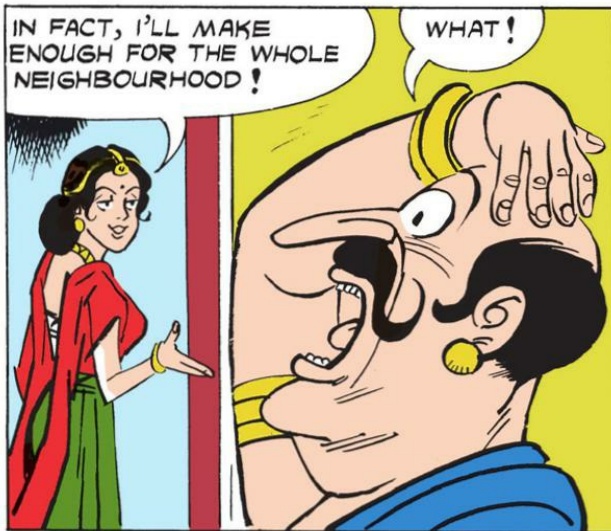


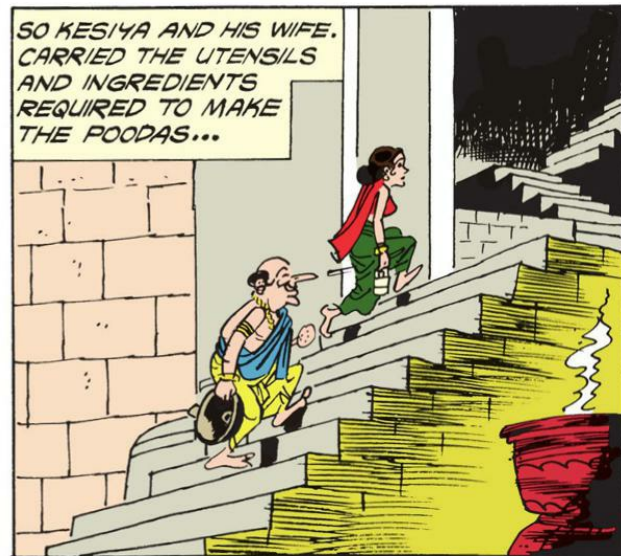
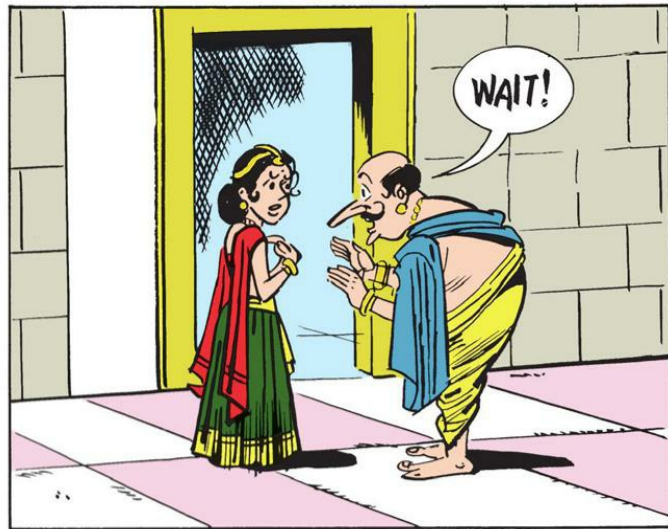
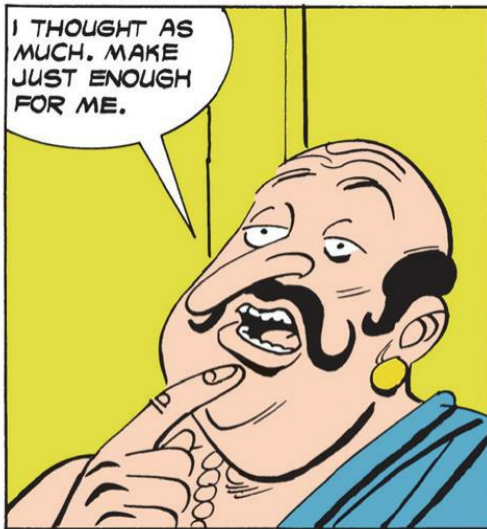
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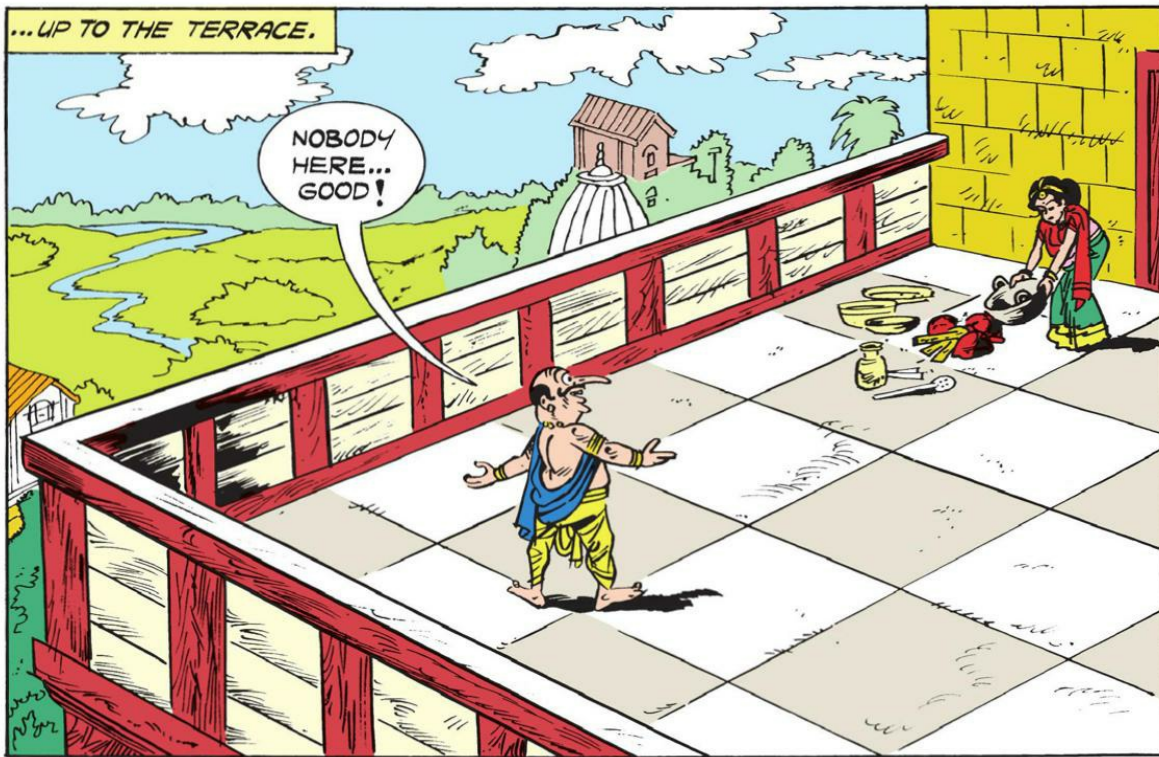
LONG AGO, THERE LIVED A MISER KESIYA. HE WAS THE KING'S TREASURER. ONE DAY AS HE WAS GOING HOME —

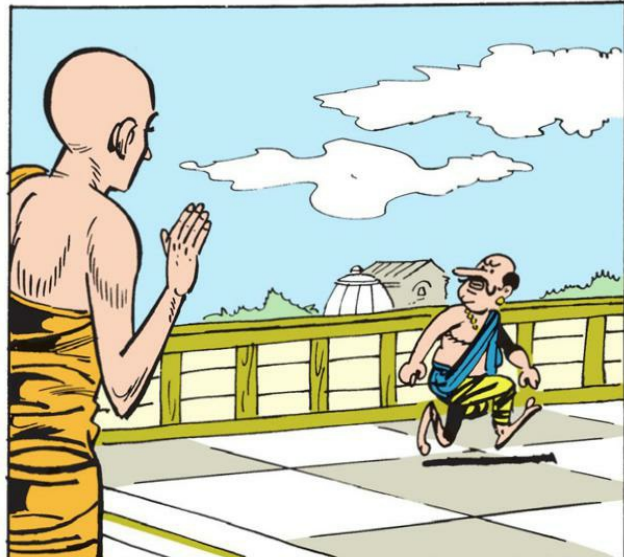
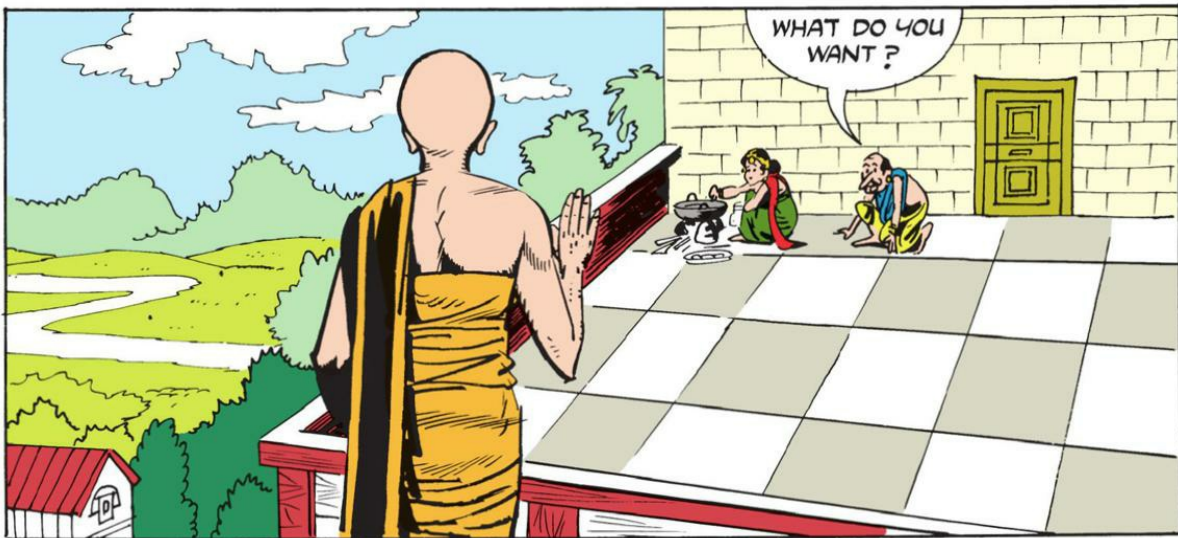


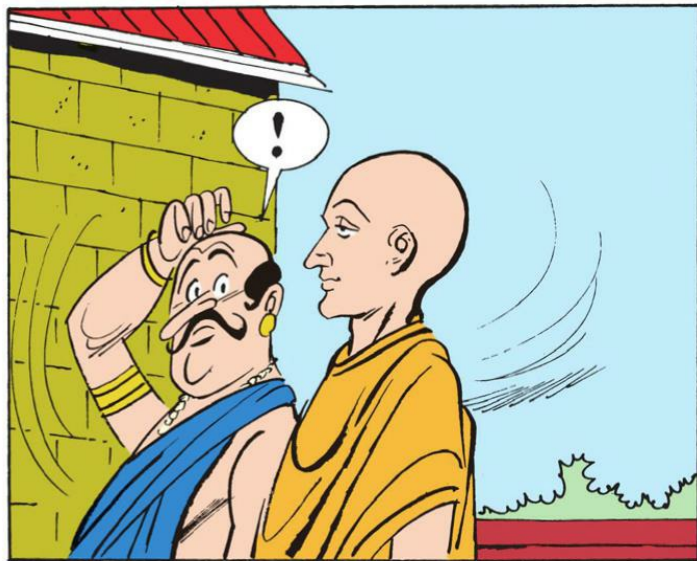
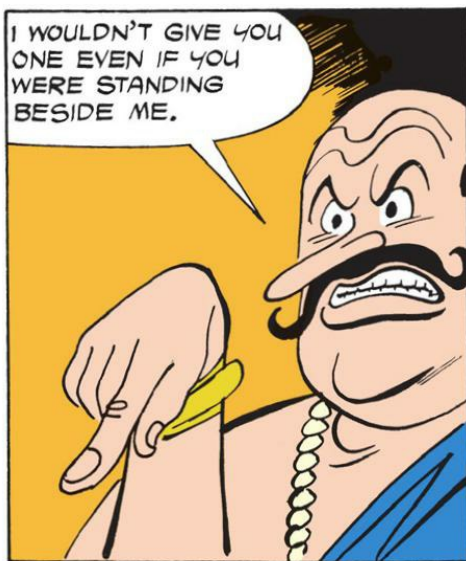
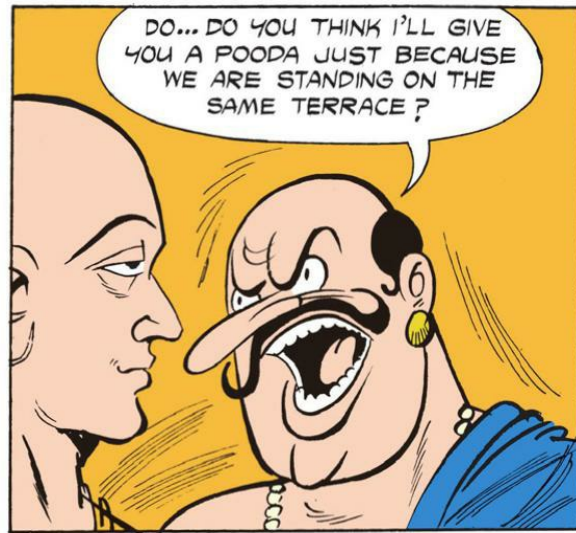
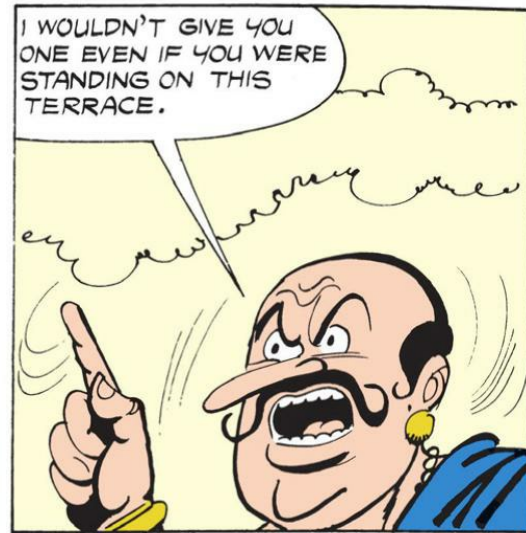
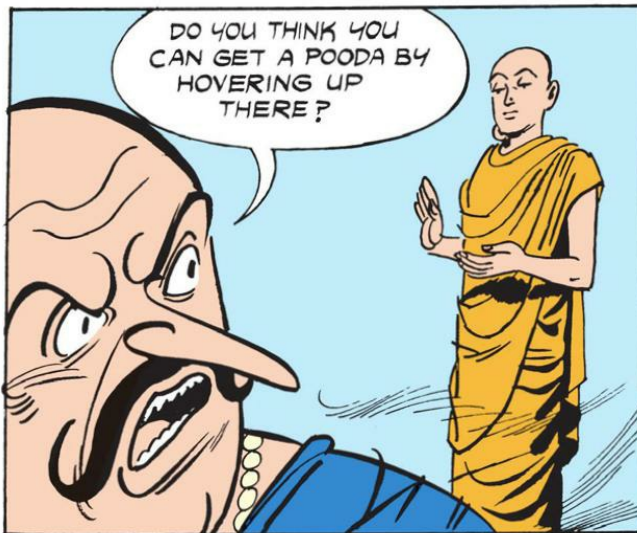


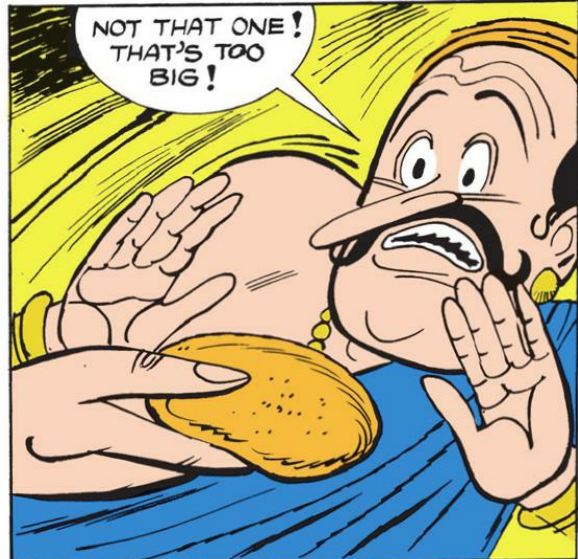
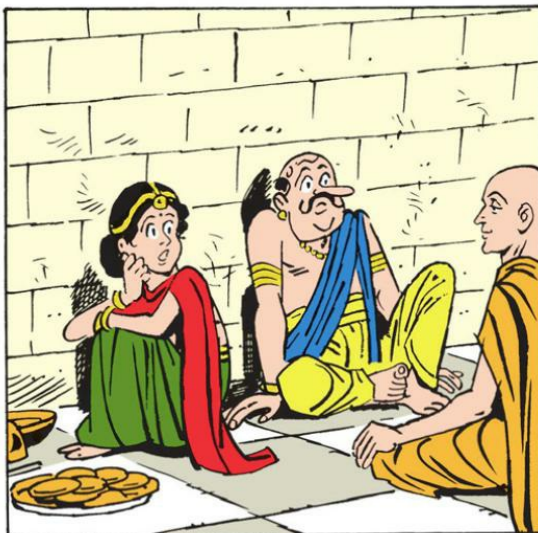
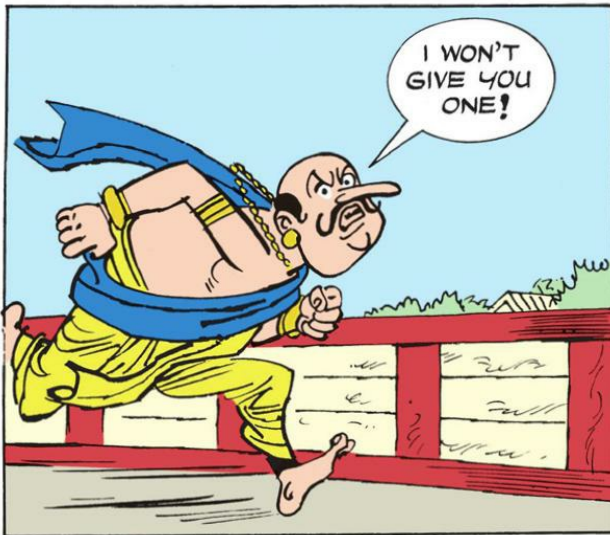


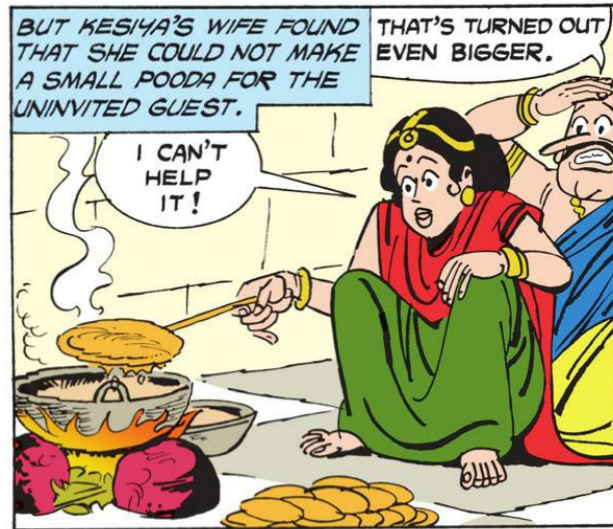
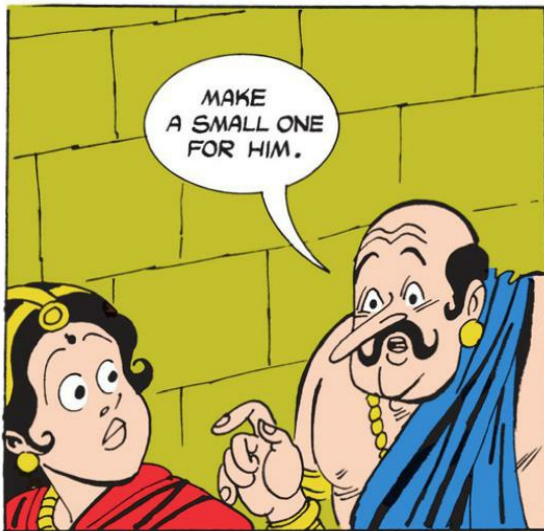


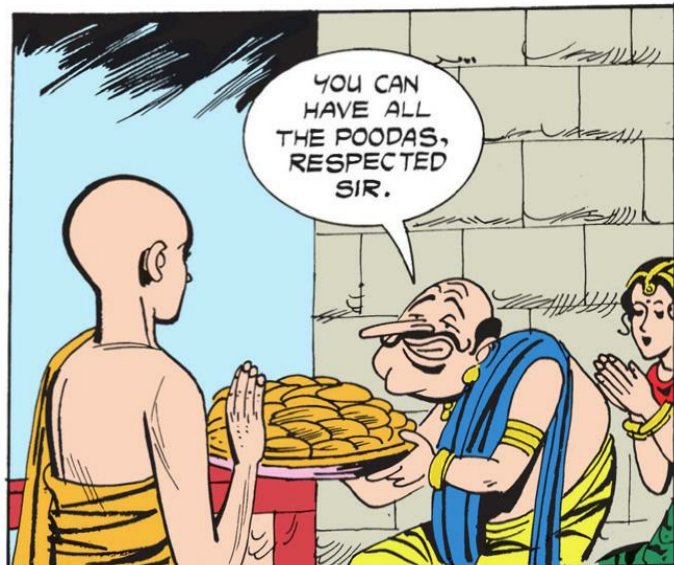
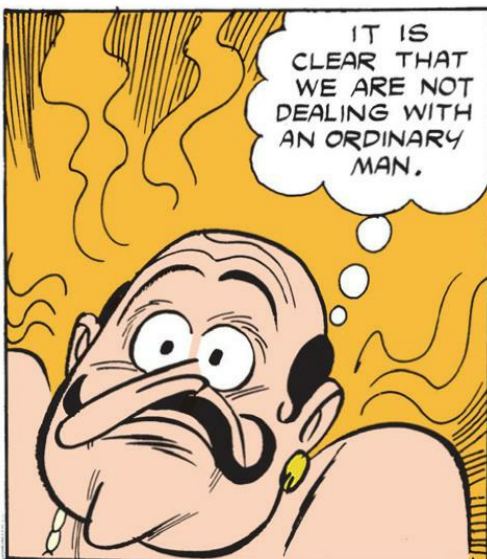
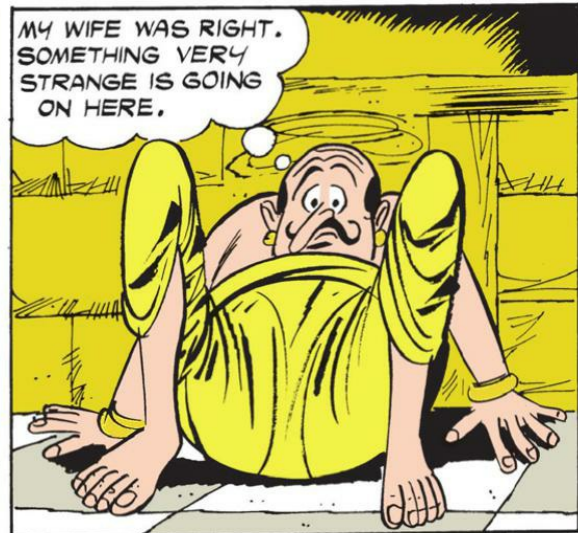
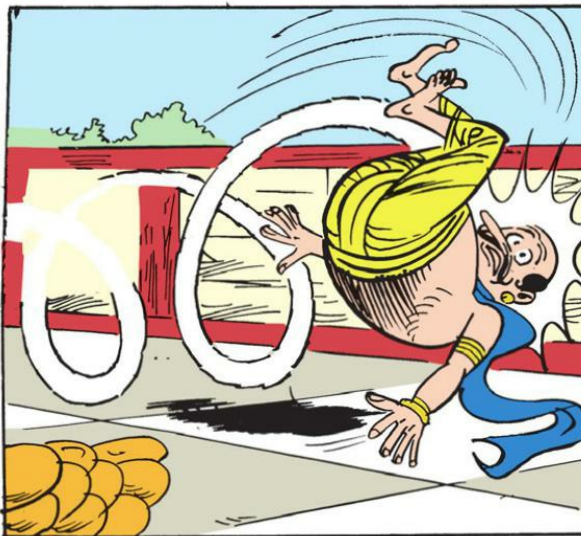
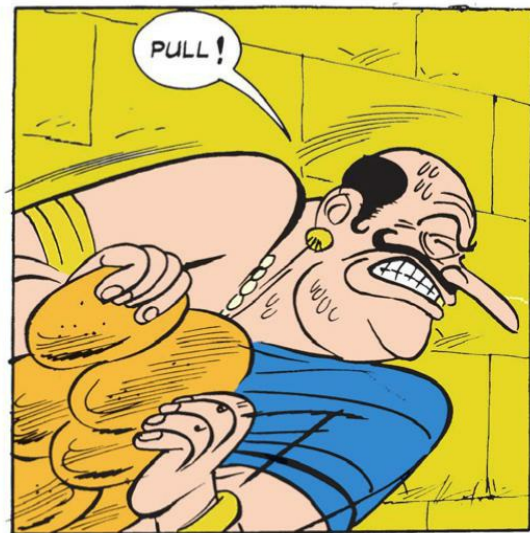
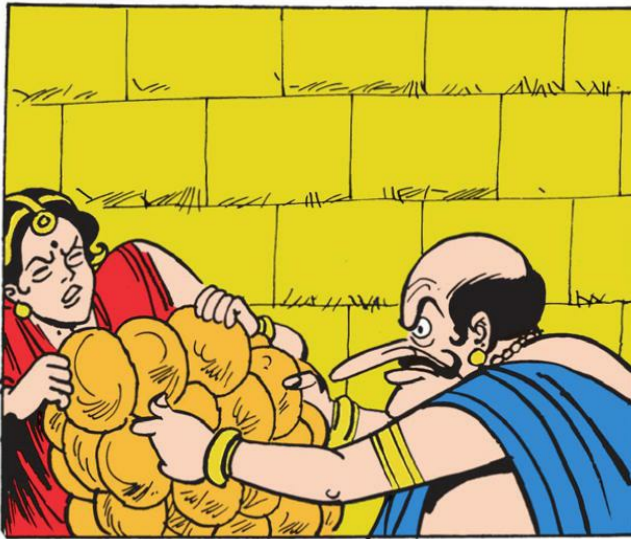


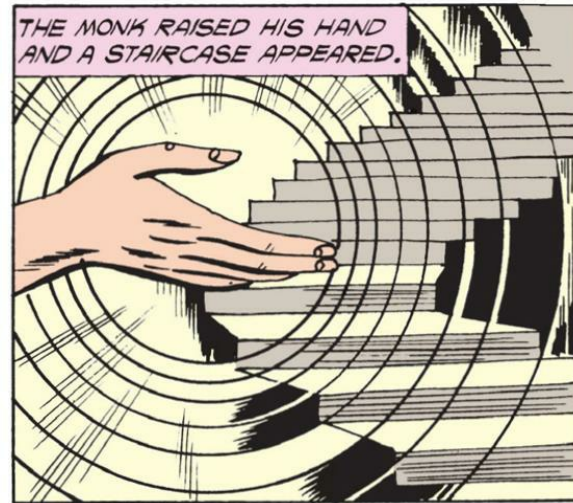
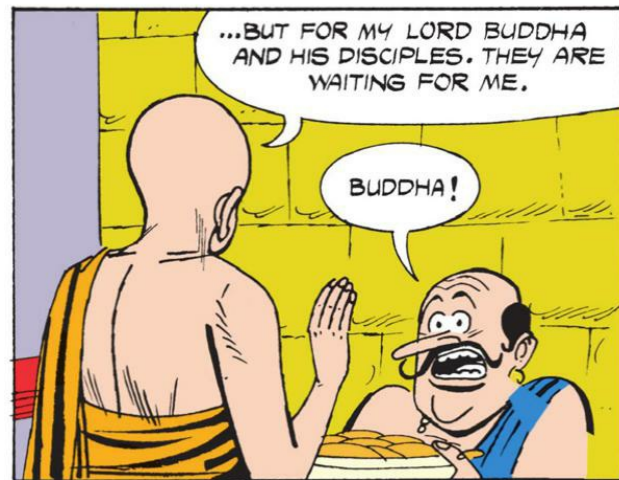








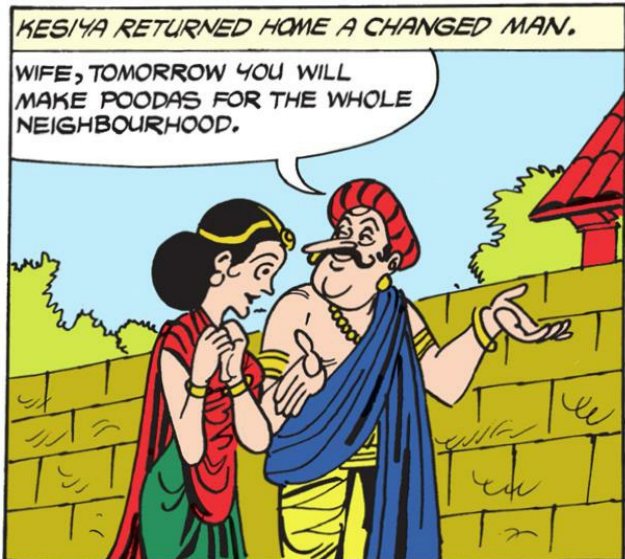
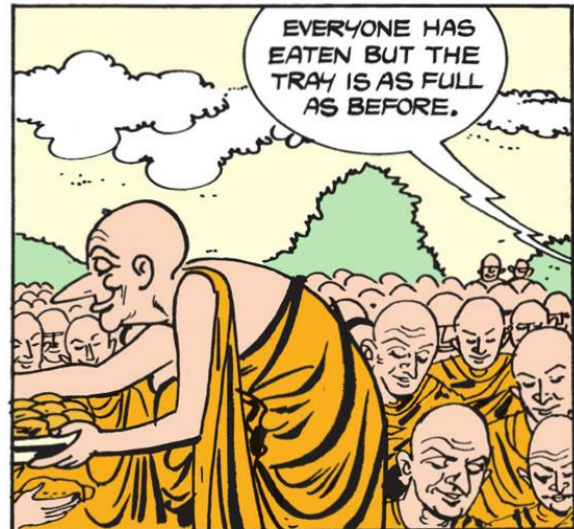
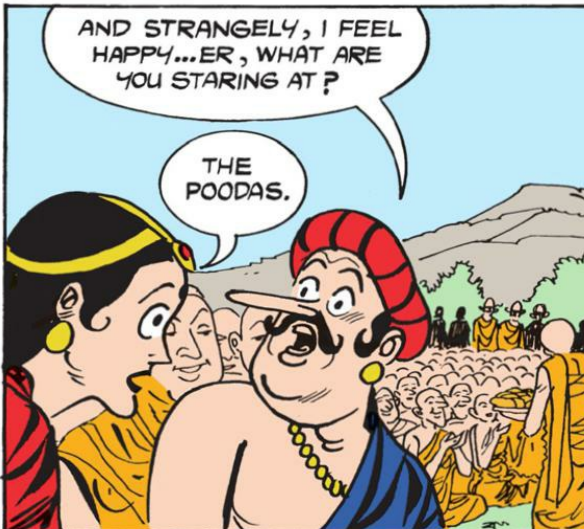




BUDDHA ACCEPTED THE OFFERING OF POODAS AND THEY WERE DISTRIBUTED AMONG HIS MONKS.



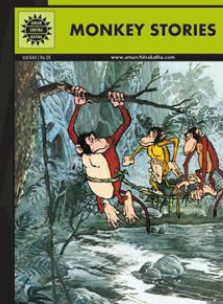
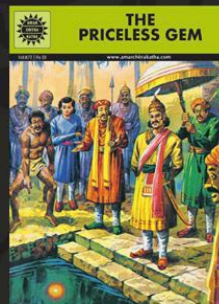
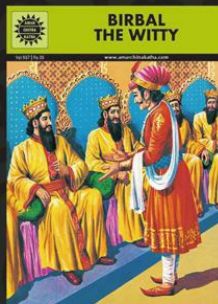
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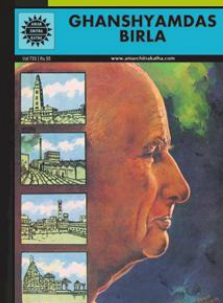
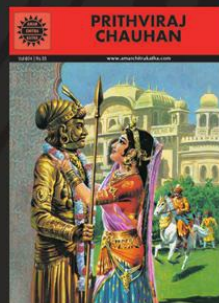
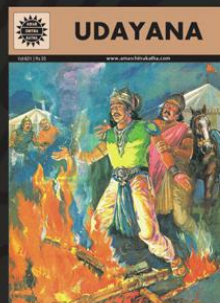
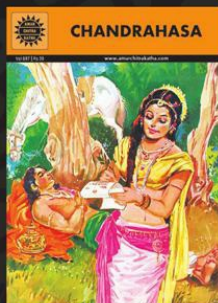
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